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This is in regard to the enclosed letter from Mr. Eli Welt, a constituent from Las Vegas, Nevada. He is concerned about the current international effort to determine the fate of Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who disappeared in Hungary after being arrested by the Soviet Union there in 1945.

I share Mr. Welt's concerns about reports that Raoul Wallenberg is still alive somewhere in the Soviet "Gulag" and did not in fact die in 1947 as had been reported by Soviet authorities. Recent reports that a Russian Jew imprisoned in the Soviet Union, Jan Kaplan, had actually met a Swede who might be Wallenberg have sparked this international determination to find out if he still is alive.

I would greatly appreciate an update on any developments in this investigation and in U.S. talks with Soviet authorities.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


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Member of Congress

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